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Dear ARP friends,

Happy Friday! Issue #8 of ARP's weekly newsletter continues its revised format with minimal links for an easy, link-free scan of this week's headlines and highlights. If you're motivated to learn more about any stories, you can read the full, link-enabled newsletter on the ARP website, as always.

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Noteworthy in Issue #8: plenty of news from ARP and NPS this week! We celebrate the original dates for the 17th Annual Acquisition Research Symposium with the publication of our full symposium proceedings. NPS embarks on a new initiative with NavalX's new Central Cost Tech Bridge. And the public is invited to tune in to NPS's Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture in its new virtual format. As always, keep letting us know if you have work we can highlight in future issues.

ARP Research: Symposium Spotlight

Full Symposium Proceedings Now Available Online

We miss you! While we could not gather in person this week for the 17th Annual Acquisition Research Symposium, we are thinking of you and look forward to seeing you in Monterey, California next year on **May 12-13, 2021!** This year's symposium had a great line-up, and we are excited to share with you the papers, presentations, and NPS graduate student research posters on our conference website:

<https://event.nps.edu/conf/app/researchsymposium/home#!/page/148>.

Note that papers and presentations include contact information for the authors. If their research sparks your curiosity or admiration, please take a minute to reach out and connect.

This Week's Top Story

[Central Coast Joins NavalX Community of Emerging Tech Centers](#)

Rebecca Hoag, CHIPS: The Department of the Navy's Information Technology Magazine

The new Central Coast (C2) NavalX Tech Bridge is one of six new locations announced today in a significant expansion of the Navy's innovative approach to rapid acquisition and tech evolution. Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Associate Dean of Research for Technology Development Christopher Manuel, an NPS alumnus, will serve as director of the C2 Tech Bridge, which will be managed under the umbrella of the university's new Emerging Technology Center (ETC).

"The goal is to link problem-solvers to folks with problems," said James F. Geurts, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, who leads the NavalX program, which oversees the Tech Bridge program. Tech Bridges will increase the efficiency of technological advancement by reducing redundant projects across the sea service, initiated through stovepiped acquisition processes and a lack of communication among diverse agencies, Geurts said.

NavalX, established by the Navy in February 2019, initially formed six Tech Bridges across the nation to act as "super connectors" focused on scaling non-traditional agility methods across the DON workforce. Tech Bridges are developed in locations where there is an opportunity to capitalize on a regional strength with applicability to Navy challenges and issues.

For the Central Coast Tech Bridge, that "sweet spot" resides in its access to Naval Postgraduate School students and faculty, and its proximity to the Silicon Valley.

As the DoD's premier educational institution on the West Coast, NPS supports a full spectrum of graduate level research across the STEM disciplines and beyond. Through the expanded networks provided by the C2 Tech Bridge and the full cadre of NavalX Tech Bridges, Navy leaders hope to further leverage the intellectual resources of NPS to address key operational requirements.

Within the university's student population, every U.S. uniformed service is represented across the full range of warfighting specialties, providing a unique level of expertise. Additionally, C2 will bring in access to expertise from research and education institutions around the Peninsula and into Silicon Valley as well.

"The Central Coast Tech Bridge is the front door for entrepreneurs to work with the Navy and DOD on technology solutions," Manuel said. "Our partnership with the Naval Postgraduate School provides access to expert faculty and experienced military students who understand operational challenges and are eager to work with business to solve research challenges. The C2 Tech Bridge will facilitate growth of public/private partnerships and dual-use technologies."

[Read more.](#)

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Upcoming Virtual Events from NPS and NavalX

[The New Reality: Leadership and National Security in the Post-COVID-19 World](#)

Admiral Michael Mullen (Ret.) will deliver the first Virtual Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture hosted by Naval Postgraduate School President Rondeau, with a moderated Q&A session with NPS students. Tune in to the live video event May 19 at 3:00 PST.

[Artificial Intelligence in the DoN](#)

Join NavalX on May 20th as we host a webinar with leaders in the Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Community, aka Naval Warriors, across the Department of the Navy. Register now for the online event, May 20 at 4:00 EST.

Acquisition and Innovation

[Pentagon Wants Better Data For Its Predictive Aircraft Maintenance AI](#)

Frank Konkell, NextGov

[Navy to divide PEO EIS into two new offices for enterprise IT acquisitions](#)

Jackson Barnett, FedScoop

[Some F-35 suppliers are having trouble delivering parts on schedule, and Turkey's departure could make that worse](#)

Valerie Insinna, Defense News

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Eric Lofgren, Acquisition Talk

[Special Operations Command Launches 'Engage SOF' Tool](#)

Yasmin Tadjdeh, National Defense

[Federal Marketplace \(FMP\) Strategy Spring 2020 Release](#)

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[The Army network plan to 'compete everything'](#)

Andrew Eversden, C4IRS Net

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Matthew Cox, Military.com

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Diana LaChance, Defense Acquisition University

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Nina Agrawal, Los Angeles Times

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Marcus Weisgerber, Defense One

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Mariam Baksh, Nextgov

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